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FORMER CLYDE MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

J. P. HARDIN ENDS LIFE WHEN COLORADO BANK FAILS.

DISCREPANCIES SHOWN IN CASHIER'S ACCOUNT

Charged With Loaning Money On Bad Security At Clyde, and Causing A Loss of $40,000.

J. P. Hardin, formerly of Clyde, committed suicide Monday at Strasburg, Colo. He was cashier of a bank at Strasburg, and when he arrived at the bank Monday morning he found a sign on the door, "Closed by order of the State Bank Commissioner." Hardin walked into a vacant barn a short distance from the bank and shot himself in the temple. Accounts examined recently by the state commissioner revealed a shortage, and the bank was ordered closed by Saturday.

Discrepancies were revealed at the directors' meeting several days ago, and the accountants were put to work on the books. Hardin is said to have speculated in stocks and to have lost heavily on the recent presidential election.

Hardin was cashier of the bank at Clyde from 1894 until 1903. He is charged with having caused a discrepancy in the funds there by loaning out money on bad security, but left town before the deficit was found out by those interested in the bank. The loss was nearly $40,000.

From Clyde Mr. Hardin went to Savannah where he became president of the First National Bank. He interested considerable capital in the bank there and through his efforts erected a new building. He built a home, at that time one of the finest in Savannah, and remained there about two years. Then he was removed from the bank by the directors and left town. His residence was sold at auction, and the directors reorganized the bank.

Hardin's next move was to Denver, Colo., where he dealt in real estate for a time. He finally became cashier of the State Bank of Strasburg. He lived at Denver with his wife and his 17-year-old son. When he arrived at Strasburg Monday morning he was carrying a suitcase in which were found a number of sealed letters, one addressed to his wife. They are in charge of the coroner.

HUNTING IS ON THE WANE

50 Licenses Less Issued This Year Than Last — State Out $40.90 Revenue Because of This.

Hunting in Nodaway county is on the wane. At least this is the truth if the number of licenses taken out has anything to do with it. County Clerk Fred J. Yoemans issued fifty licenses less than he did last year, and as a result the state of Missouri was out $40.90 revenue.

The total number of hunters' licenses issued in the county this year was 310, and $248.10 was sent to the state. Last year the number of county licenses granted was 360, and the state received $289.

$200,000 FIRE AT ATLANTA.

Allen Department Store Burns to the Ground This Morning.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Atlanta, Dec. 20.—Fire this morning gutted the Allen Department store. The loss was $200,000.

A. P. Swaney of Clearmont was in Maryville on business yesterday.

MERCURY DIPS 7 BELOW 0

Nearly Spoils Poultry Show, As Only One-Half Usual Number of Birds Are Exhibited.

Last night the thermometer registered the lowest temperature of the season. This morning the official recorder, J. R. Brink recorded 7 degrees below zero, and after many weary efforts the mercury managed to climb up six degrees by noon, making the temperature, 1 degree below zero.

No persons minded the extreme change in temperature as much as the poultry men. In fact, it just about spoiled their show, and killed their expectations of having the best poultry show ever recorded.

About 300 birds are on exhibition, and Judge Sayler, secretary of the Northwest Missouri Association says that this number is about half as many as were exhibited last year and about a third as many as were expected for this year.

The following bird owners registered their exhibits after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon: Mrs. C. A. DeNeen, Maryville, Buff Leghorns; J. F. Van Ausdall, Skidmore, Barred Rocks; James Parshall, Skidmore, Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds; Kay Hempstead, Maryville, Single Comb Rhode Island Reds; Otho Robey, Maryville, Single Comb White Leghorns.

E. M. Quay, of La Porte, Indiana, is awarding the premiums today.

JOHN P. HEATON, 76, DIES

Maryville Man Succumbs to Poor Health Occasioned by Paralytic Stroke — No Funeral Arrangements.

John P. Heaton died at 1 o'clock this morning at his home, eight miles southwest of Maryville. Mr. Heaton suffered a paralytic stroke about six years ago and has been in poor health since that time. About two months ago his health began failing rapidly resulting in his death. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Mr. Heaton is survived by his wife and seven children. They are: Mrs. C. R. McLavy, of Coffeeville, Miss., Mrs. Henry Smock, Maryville, Mrs. Adah Patton of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. W. H. Carpenter and Mrs. E. L. Daken both of Maryville, J. P. Heaton, Jr., of Dodson, Mont., and Harold Heaton at home.

Mr. Heaton was 76 years old. He was born in Illinois and lived there until he reached manhood. He then moved to Iowa, where he was married to Sarah Josephine Ellsworth. Shortly after they were married Mr. and Mrs. Heaton moved to Missouri. They have lived on their farm south of Maryville for 46 years.

BOSTON IS WET BY 23,462.

Liquor Forces Carried the City by Increased Majority.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Boston today voted to continue the licensed sale of liquor, after the liveliest campaign on the liquor question the city has had in years. The vote in favor of license was 53,459, with 29,997 against, or a majority of 23,462. Last year the vote for license was 46,115 and 31,877 against.

WILL WAIT FOR COURT.

Four Brotherhoods Want Decision On Adamson Law First.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The big brotherhoods will wait for the supreme court to pass on the validity of the Adamson law before taking steps to start another strike, in the opinion of Judge Chambers, head of the United States Board of Mediation.

Ross H. McMillen, bond manager of the Parker Washington Co., of Chicago will arrive in Maryville the latter part of the week to spend Christmas with his little daughter, who is making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. I. V. McMillen.

THE SEA VOYAGE

VERNON NASH RECOUNTS DETAILS OF INTERESTING TRIP.

STATE IS REPRESENTED

Three Missouri Men in Residence At Oxford — Fear of U-Boats Felt On Part of the Passage.

Oxford:—As the Rhodes Scholars look back upon their voyage of ten days across the Atlantic, the most dominant impression is that of a white-haired old gentleman of the "Colonel" type who was on his way to see his son, a badly wounded captain in the Canadian army. The old man endeared himself to all the Americans by an impromptu speech at the close of an informal concert given by the Rhodes men a night or two after we had sailed.

He had spoken with great feeling of the present war and how freely Canada was giving her best, also taking occasion to exult in his belief that the United States was so pro-ally in sympathy. As he spoke of his own son, his only boy, lying wounded in some hospital, few kept back the tears and most of those having loved ones in similar condition wept openly. The first news which reached the fine old man as the boat docked was that his son had died the day before.

This was the most striking of many such cases on board. Yet sorrow was not allowed to rule. The Rhodes men elected themselves "cheer-uppers" for the trip and seemed to succeed well. Games were supervised among the surprisingly large number of children on board. Two concerts were given in the ship's parlors and impromptu singing bees were the order on deck every night.

Among the thirty were two graduates and three students of journalism schools and before we had been on the water twenty-four hours, a newspaper was under way. The whole voyage was remarkably calm so none can tell very many tales of seasickness. Although at the first dinner on board, the sitting-in-a-big-swing feeling was very predominant. The dining saloon was always the worst place on board for producing seasick nausea.

Being a preacher's son, I was immediately interested to know how many fellow sufferers were among the 1916 Rhodes men. There were seven others, four of whom were Methodist preachers' sons as I. Many other interesting polls were taken, not the least of them being a presidential preference primary. Four were non-committal, four for Hughes and twenty-two for Wilson. This is more surprising when one realizes that few Southern states appointed men to Oxford this year.

Only seven of the thirty were members of social fraternities and eight had the high schllarship honor of Phi Beta Kappa. Fourteen came from Universities and seven had attended both large and small schools. Their physique extended from 5 feet, 5 inches to 6 feet, 3, and from 125 to 180 pounds in weight.

Almost every man expressed surprise at the individuality of the thirty. Each had expected to find the group running to a type, a sort of polished Lord Chesterfield company. But striking personalities were among the group and it was great to have ten days in which to become acquainted with such picked men. The voyage looked too long at the beginning and too short at the end.

Missouri is well represented at Ox-

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HAVE S. S. CONTEST

NODAWAY ASSOCIATION PLANS TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE.

WILL DIVIDE THE COUNTY

Two Sections Known As Blue and White Divisions Will Compete — Reports Made Weekly.

An attendance contest has been planned by the Nodaway county Sunday School Association to begin January 1 and to close May 1. This contest will be between two sections of the county, and as nearly as can be estimated from the recent reports of the Sunday Schools of the county the two sections have an equal enrollment.

Section No. 1 will be known as the White Division, and will consist of Polk township, with an enrollment of 2871, Monroe township, with an enrollment of 616, Hughes township, with an enrollment of 503, and White Cloud township, with an enrollment of 267, making a total enrollment for Section No. 1 of 4,257.

Section No. 2 will be known as the Blue Division, and will consist of Nodaway township, with an enrollment of 615, Union township, with an enrollment of 345, Independence township, with an enrollment of 340, Jackson and Jefferson districts, with an enrollment of 545, Atchison township, with an enrollment of 382, Hopkins township, with an enrollment of 510, Grant and Washington districts, with an enrollment of 898, Lincoln township, with an enrollment of 310, Green township, with an enrollment of 312, making a total enrollment of 4,257.

Beginning with the first Sunday in January the Sunday School superintendents will be asked to report their attendance each Sunday to the secretary or township Sunday School Association, then once each month the township secrearies will report to the County Sunday School secretary so that those who have the contest in charge may know which division is leading in the contest. It is expected that every Sunday School in the county will enter the contest and work for a larger attendance in their Sunday Schools. This contest will close the first of May with an award of honor to the division that has gained the most in attendance and enrollment.

MAY HAVE EXTRA SESSION

Congress Mired in Legislative Bog In Spite of Efforts of Leaders to Push Legislation.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress is mired in legislative bog despite the efforts of president and administration leaders to avoid extra session. It appeared today only alternative as much legislative programme including some White House recommendations is being sidetracked.

Preaching at Mt. Ayr.

J. C. McNeal will preach morning and evening at Mount Ayr church. The morning theme will be "The Heavenly Gift." The evening theme will be. "Love."

Thirty-five years ago at Unionville, says the Republican, dressed turkeys sold at 5 and 6 cents a pound and chickens at 4 and 5 cents a pound. Prairie chickens were on the market at $3 a dozen.

WAITING THEIR TURN.

—Greene in New York Evening Telegram.

PAGEANT A FEATURE

BEAUTY OF OLD WORLD FESTIVAL AT THE COMMUNITY TREE.

PROGRAM COMPLETE

Trumpeteers, Heralds and Shepherds Lend Beauty to the Scene as Chorus Sings Carols.

(Kate Schenck)

All the brilliancy and legend of an old world pageant will feature the ceremony of the lighting of the community Christmas tree on Saturday night.

The tree, with its myriad of lights, will show the handiwork of the city "Jovians," in an arrangement that will far excel the one of last year. The fanfare of trumpets, the singing of Christmas carols by a chorus of a hundred voices, the music of the band and the march of the heralds and shepherds will give the entire ceremony a spectacular wonder and beauty.

The program for the night is practically completed now and all engaged in the affair are working zealously to bring about the success.

Fanfare of Trumpets.

Trumpeteers, stationed on different corners of the city square will announce the coming of the pageant which will form at the First Methodist church and start from there.

Mayor Robey will lead the march. Following will be a band of singers, garbed as shepherds, then will come eighteen heralds, dressed in red robes and lastly the chorus, which will be composed of one hundred of the best voices in the city.

These singers and musicians will be grouped around the Christmas tree and when all are stationed the invocation and scripture reading will be given by

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HOPE FUNERAL IS HELD

Brother of Mrs. Joseph Drydale, Near Barnard Buried At Bolckow Cemetery.

Funeral services for William A. Hope, 32 years old, who died at 10 o'clock Sunday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Drydale near Barnard, were held at 12 o'clock yesterday from the Methodist church in Bolckow, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Wiley, assisted by Rev. M. DeWitt of Skidmore. Burial was in the Bolckow cemetery.

Mr. Hope is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Drydale of Barnard, Mrs. C. S. Strong of Guilford, Charley Hope of Rosendale and Dave Hope of California.

TWP. VALUATION INCREASES

Reports From Atchison Township Show That Assessed Valuation of Property is $831,888.

The total assessed valuation of the real estate and personal property in Atchison township is $32,075 higher than last year, according to the report made by the Atchison township assessor at the office of the county recorder today.

The total valuation of the Atchison township real estate and personal property is $831,888, with a land average of $17.40 an acre. This amount is divided into the following items: total assessed valuation of the county personal property is $135,320; the total assessed valuation of town personal property in Clearmont is $51,408; the total valuation of country real estate is $611,120; the total assessed valuation of real estate in the town of Clearmont is $34,040.

Last year the total assessed valuation of real estate and personal property was $799,813. The items were as follows: country real estate, $576,605; town real estate, $32,305; country personal property, $133,127; town personal property, $57,776. The land average last year was $16.43 an acre.

FREIGHT IN BAD TANGLE.

Embargoes On All Competitive Freight Movements in Prospect Today.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Embargoes on all competitive freight movements both East and West, were in prospect today, following the action of the Union Pacific in announcing that it would receive shipments only from points which cannot be reached by any save its line. The freight tangle is the worst since 1907, says the traffic directors of the Union Pacific.

Truman Young of Parnell was a Maryville visitor yesterday.

ALLIES TO SPECIFY OWN PEACE TERMS

CONTENTS OF REFUSAL FOLLOW LLOYD-GEORGE'S SPEECH.

WILL THE GERMANS MAKE NEW OVERTURES?

This Question Is Being Asked In Diplomatic Circles Today — What Premier Thinks?

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 20.—The contents of the allied note to the contral powers rejecting the Teutonic proposals will be along the same lines as Lloyd-George's speech was stated in official circles today. This note will specify the terms demanded by the allies. The big question now is, "will Germany make new overtures?" On this question there is a wide diversion of opinion. It is felt that the premier left the way open for further negotiations, but whether Germany will take advantage of this opportunity is a matter of pure speculation.

A message from Lloyd-George to the Canadian people, the first since he ascended to the premiership, says, "However long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side."

Lloyd-George asserted in his speech yesterday that the moment Germany was penning the note assuring her convictions as to the rights of other nations, she was dragging Belgians into slavery. He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, and that the Allies had separately concluded to reject it, although they had informally exchanged views and would within a few days present a joint reply.

Mr. Asquith, the former premier, seconded Mr. Lloyd-George's decision with even stronger words, and almost at the same moment Earl Curzon was informing the House of Lords that the government would enter no conference that did not guarantee for Europe the free and independent existence of nations great and small. The Marquis of Crewe affirmed the approval of the members of the late government.

FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Vina F. Mariott Charges William F. Mariott With Cruelty and Failure to Provide.

Vina F. Marriott filed suit for divorce in the office of the circuit clerk this morning against William F. Marriott. The couple were married in Nodaway county on March 7, 1912, and lived together until March 17, 1916.

Mrs. Marriott was married when she was 15 years old, and charges cruelty and failure to provide as grounds for the separation. She asks for the custody of the child, a boy of four years. She is now living with her mother near Elmo.

Miss Elizabeth Hoover, a Normal student, left today for her home in Trenton, Mo., to spend the holidays with her parents.

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Days to Christmas

Dec. 20

Good Resolution For Today---"I Won't Wait Until Christmas Eve to Do My Shopping!"

And Still the Letters Come To Santa in His Arctic Home

"Ho! Ho! Ho!" laughed Santa yesterday morning. "Here are two more letters from Maryville. I declare! Those Maryville children are bound that I won't miss a one of them.

"Well, read the letter," said Mrs. Santa, impatiently, "I am anxious to hear what the little ones want. I hope that we have the things they ask for. We are all out of those small ice skates. I should feel bad if the children asked for a pair."

"You are mistaken," answered old Santa," Mr. Hamel, the skate man, just brought a load tonight, so we may supply the tiny tots if they want skates in their stockings."

Then Santa began to read the letters from the Maryville children, first carefully scanning the address on the envelope which was, "Dear Santa, North Pole." This is what he read:

Dear Santa Claus:—I am 6 years old. I go to Franklin School. I wish you would please bring me a sweater, a pop gun, a little train, a fire wagon, a winding duck and a pair of overshoes. My name is Charles Luttgen, and my address is 723 North Walnut street.

Charles' little brother also wrote a letter, and here it is:

Dear Santa:—I am only 4 years old. I can't write very good. My brother has to help me. I wish, dear Santa, you would bring me a big white bus, a trigger gun, a motor cycle, a sled, and a wagon. And please fill my little stocking with nuts and candy. My name is Edward Luttgen.

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Platte Valley Notes.

Jacob Briet and F. P. Graham of Guilford spent Sunday visiting at Tillman Briets.

John McKee and W. B. Torrance were in Barnard Monday, paying their taxes.

W. B. Torrance and E. Halfhill were hauling corn last week to Roy Jackson's at 85 cents per bushel.

Quite a number of the Valleyites attended the Bazaar of the Christian church in Guilford Saturday; also the auction sale of jewelry and livery stock of A. C. Lee.

Jos. W. Powell of Ravenwood, spent Sunday night and Monday morning, the guest of W. B. Torrance and family.

Earl Richards, who is teaching school near Clearmont, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lora Nelson spent Sunday with her cousin, Goldie Nelson, at the Guilford hotel.

Paul Winters and family visited at John Cook's Saturday.

C. D. Farnan is hauling corn from Loal Davis,' two miles north of Guilford.

K. C. Knudson sawed wood for Jas. Aldridge Monday.

Paul Schmidt and family spent Sunday at A. Jacobson's.

Mrs. Pete Larsen and son Kenneth, returned to their home Sunday, after a three week's visit with her parents, Jacob Nelson and wife.

W. T. Nelson of Ravenwood purchased the Tom Ivie farm of 164 acres just east of Guilford at $100 per acre.

Mrs. J. N. Byergo and daughter, Maude, of Walthill, Nebr., are visiting at W. T. Ross' and S. E. Jobe's at present.

John Jobe of the state of Wyoming, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Slome Hocker and other relatives in Guilford.

W. T. Ross visited his parents near Mound City from Saturday to Monday.

The pupils in the Liberty schools will have the opportunity of studying some of the $1,000corn show samples from Saline county, provided by Prof. Carter, the wide-awake teacher of agriculture in the Liberty schools.

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Owing to the continued scarcity and high cost of paper, all mail subscriptions, both in and out of Nodaway county, to The Daily Democrat-Forum will be raised to 25 cents per month on January first, 1917. Those who desire to pay six months or more in advance will be allowed to do so at the rate of $2.50 per year, provided all arrearages have been paid.

During the remainder of this month subscriptions within the county and outside of Maryville will be taken, if paid in advance, at the old rate of $2.00 and present subscribers may pay ahead for as long a time as they desire during this month. All subscriptions not paid in advance on January 1st will be charged and payable at the new rate from that time forward. Those who want to save, may do so by paying all arrearages and a year in advance during December.

The Democrat-Forum has delayed this advance as long as possible, hoping that there would be some relief in the paper situation. The cost of paper, during the past year, has increased more than a thousand dollars a car and is now not only higher than ever, but the supply is very limited. The price of The Weekly Democrat-Forum will remain at one dollar per year and is well worth the money.

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Captain Hobby's Christmas

BY ELINOR MARSH

CAPTAIN JIM HOBBY made a fire in his kitchen stove and then looked through the window at the flying snowflakes.

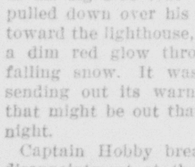
"My gracious, we're in for a regular old northeaster!" he muttered. "If it keeps up all morning I shan't be able to get over to the island to spend Christmas with Hetty and the children."

As he ate his breakfast he could see the big basket in the corner where he had put all the presents he was going to take over to the lighthouse on the island where his only daughter, Hetty, lived with her husband and two children. Paul Robbins, Hetty's husband, was the keeper of the light.

Captain Hobby carried the same big basket every Christmas. And when the basket was opened in the lighthouse sitting room there would be much wonderment as to what the carefully wrapped packages contained—and no one ever knew until Christmas morning.

Mr. Robbins was coming over after the captain this time; he had a new boat belonging to the lighthouse and he had to come ashore for something else anyway. So, although it was snowing hard and the wind was howling, Captain Hobby smoked his pipe quite contentedly.

He sat there thinking of other Christmas eves when he had been a little boy and of what fun he used to have with his brothers and sisters, now all grown up with grandchildren of their own and all living many miles away. After awhile he put away his newspaper and began to pack another basket with some goodies he had been saving for Christmas.



He Began to Pack Another Basket With Goodies.

There were a dozen fine red apples that his old friend Captain Leeway had sent to him; there were some oranges and candy he had bought at the store the day before; there was a big bag of black walnuts and hickory nuts and a whole baked fish that the captain had cooked himself, for he could cook anything in the way of sea food that would make you hungry even if you were not very fond of fish.

And when that basket was ready Captain Hobby opened the big gift basket and looked at all the things once more.

There was a new dress for Hetty, a pipe and a big jar of tobacco for Mr. Robbins; there was a whole set of little books for Freda, who was eight years old, with a box of soldiers for Jack, who was six. And, besides, there was a cunning-little gray kitten for both the children.

The storm increased rapidly and no one came, so Captain Hobby gave up entirely all thought of any one coming after him. So he sighed very sadly and thought that he would have to go up to the store and buy some coffee and condensed milk and perhaps something else to eat if he had to spend Christmas all alone. It was twilight when he went out into the storm all wrapped up in his big blue coat with his fur cap pulled down over his ears. He looked toward the lighthouse, and he could see a dim red glow through the thickly falling snow. It was the lighthouse sending out its warning to all ships that might be out that snowy, stormy night.

Captain Hobby breathed a sigh of disappointment at the lost Christmas pleasures and then trudged up the road to the store. He made his purchases and exchanged Christmas greetings with many old friends. He called for his mail, and finally, with all his bundles in his arms, he went back to his lonely cottage.

But was it lonely?

At first Captain Hobby thought it was on fire. But it proved that every room was lighted and there was a fire in the sitting room stove. And when he pushed the door open he dropped his bundles on the table and opened his arms wide, for there were little Freda and Jack ready to jump into them. Then their mother came out of the sitting room to kiss her father, and last of all their father came, his arms full of baskets and bundles. He had been putting his boat into Captain Hobby's boathouse.

"Merry Christmas, grandpa!" they all cried.

"Merry Christmas, everybody!" he roared, with surprise. "Where did you all come from?"

"We came from the island," explained Mr. Robbins. "I had two days' leave of absence, and the man came to relieve me this morning. We decided to spend Christmas with you this year, and Hetty has brought all her Christmas dinner along too."

NORWAY'S WAR PROSPERITY

Country Getting Riech By Supplying Belligerents — The Citizens Roll in Wealth.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A correspondent who spent fourteen months in Christiana and returned lately gives a vivid description of the abnormal conditions in the Norwegian capital created by the war.

"The conditions in Christiana today are very much like they were in Bucharest before Rumania entered the war," the correspondent says. "Gold flows in streams and fortunes beyond the dreams of avarice are made in a few days. Men who six months or a year ago did not own the clothing on their backs and hardly knew where their next meal would come from, now roll in wealth. All Norway is in the midst of an insane, fantastic adventure and has but one thought—to make money and still more money.

"The 'goulash' barons,' as the speculators furnishing foodstuffs and other necessaries to the belligerents, are called, are in evidence everywhere. Their luxurious automobiles make the streets of the capital unsafe and their princely steam and motor yachts cruise in the fjords and bays. Palaces rivalling those of Paris, London, Berlin and Vienna are growing out of the earth.

"The cafe of the Grand Hotel has become a kind of an annex to the stock exchange. Day and night the place is crowded with Norwegian, Danish and Swedish speculators and agents of foreign governments. Around the little tables, loaded down with champagne bottles and delicacies from all parts of the world, deals amounting to hundreds of millions are made daily. Everybody talks in millions.

"That is one side of the medal, but the other looks different. The cost of living has become so high in Christiana that not only the poor, but also the middle classes suffer severely. Money is too plentiful, and has lost its buying power.

"The result is that the prices of all foods and other necessaries have risen so enormously that only the wealthy can pay them. Rent, food, clothing, and fuel are much cheaper in 'half starved' Germany than in Norway, although the latter country is at peace with all the world and piles gold upon gold."

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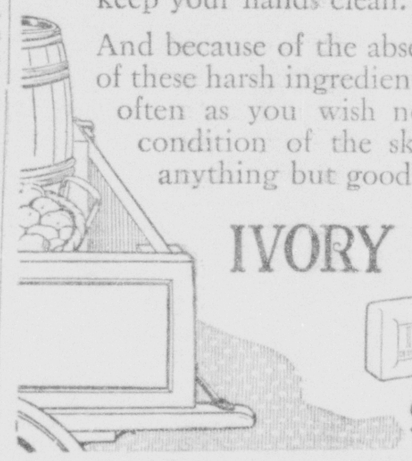

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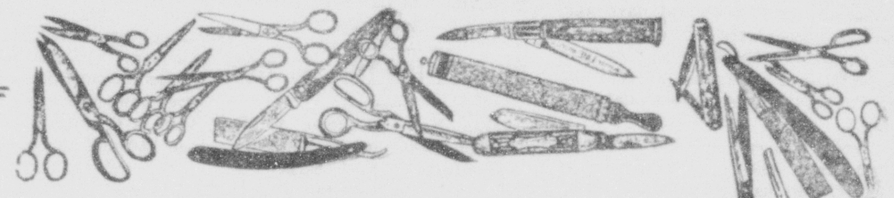

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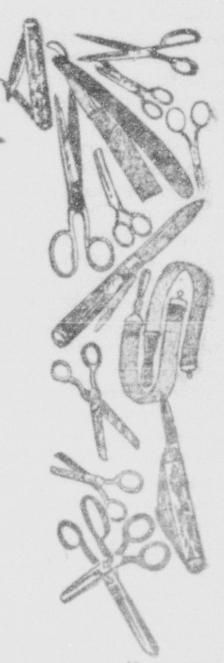

Do you know that our stock contains more real useful Christmas Gifts than you will find in most hardware stores.

A gift from this store bears the mark of quality and you know the price will be right.

A Substantial Gift Your Wife Will Appreciate—

A Washing Machine that will relieve her of some of the drudgery of housework. Simple and easy to operate.

See What You May Get Here

Pyrex Ware
Flash Lights
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Or Perhaps She Needs Some New Silver for the Table –

Every housewife wants her table to look nice and a set of Silver Plated Knives and Forks are the nicest you can buy her.

And These are just a few of the smaller items

Aluminum Ware
Turkey Roasters
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NORTH SIDE SQUARE

Normal News

By Ross McReynolds.

Coach Palfreyman has many interesting things to report in the way of basket ball news. The first tournament has ended, and the first squad is hard at work. Another tournament will be organized after Christmas for those who are not on the first squad.

During the recent tournament a number of good men were "discovered" and Coach Palfreyman has decided to carry eighteen or twenty men on the first squad. Those who are now working on the squad, are: "Dad" Scarlett, guard and center; "Gimlet" Scott, guard; "Agnes" Garard, center and guard. These men are of last year's team. Then there are a large number of good men from last year's "scrubs" and neighboring High School teams. They are Clem Hahn, Omer Lyle, Charley Wells, George Hubbard, Chauncey Saville, Viron Bird, Harold Sawyers, Kenneth Van Cleve, Clyde Sawyers, Joe Farmer, John Ham, Charley Byerrum, Lisle Hanna and Harold Staples.

Every man on the squad realizes that he has some very hard work ahead of him to land a berth on the team, which will represent the school on the court this winter. Heretofore the Normal has been handicapped by not having many first class "subs," but this year there will be at least four men for each position. The competition will be keen and every man will be working hard until the first game.

Coach Palfreyman reports that the refusal of "Chido" Scott to participate in the winter sport this season will not weaken the team's chances for the pennant, because the return of Scarlett more than offsets this seeming handicap.

Rev. Gilbert S. Cox lead devotional services at the Normal, Tuesday morning. He gave an inspiring talk, one which was not strictly religious, but which extended over the whole phase of spiritual life. He spoke of the poetry of Robert Browning, which represents the highest of soul ideals. His talk was one of a kind which is hardly surpassed in true ideals.

The following literary society programs will be given tomorrow. The Eurekans will meet with the Excelsiors.

Excelsior: Debate: "Resolved, that the United States should retain the Philippine Islands." Affirmative, Warren Wilson, Ethel Sloan. Negative, Leslie Elam, Frances Corcoran.

Philomathean, Stunt day.

The following Christmas program was given by the Y. W. C. A. at 9:45 this morning: Vocal solo, Mary Wallace; Christmas story, Cleo Lesan; Vocal solo, "O, Holy Night," Mrs. C. E. Wells; Octette, Misses Dona Peter, Mary West, Amy Crow, Ella Moore, Ruth Rooker, Bernice Snelling, Ruby Irwin, Gertrude Conn.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

OF EGG-LAYING CONTEST

John S. Gross, Maryville, Writes Article for Poultry Bulletins — Discusses Breeding of Fowls.

While we have so many fine specimens of poultry in Maryville the article written by John S. Gross for the bulletin of the National Rose Comb White Leghorn Club is quite apropos. In this article, Mr. Gross tells about the origin of the egg-laying contests, and also of their object. He writes:

Egg laying contests were first held in Australia some years before they were undertaken in the United States, the first one in the United States being that held in Missouri at Mountain Grove and under the direction of the State Experiment Station. This contest began in November, 1911, and contests have been held there regularly since. Other contests have been held in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, California, British Columbia, and some few other places.

The object of these contests has been to stimulate interest in increased egg production, to determine methods of feeding best adapted to producing eggs, to select if possible the best laying varieties and to encourage the breeding of fowls selected for heavy production.

The winner of the second Missouri contest was a Rose Comb White Leghorn hen — "Sunnybrook Queen" — with a yearly record of 260 eggs. The remarkable fact about this record was that this hen laid eggs in one year which equalled twelve times her own body weight.

The method by which this hen produced was as follows: the hens in my flock were carefully watched to discover which ones did the most laying from November to March. One of the best of these hens was then selected and her eggs were hatched separately. From chicks hatched from these eggs, the most desirable cockerel was chosen and used to head a pen of my best laying hens the next season. Judging by the record of Sunnybrook Queen, the method is a correct one and it has given me splendid results.

Trapnesting is doubtless the best method of selection but takes a great deal of time, more than the majority of breeders can spare.

I would like to see the Rose Comb White Leghorns represented in all the leading contests. Let's get busy and make some records for I know we have the hen that lays.

The wolf drive last week at Kearney is reported to have been a great success—from a social standpoint. One fox was killed and one wolf got through the lines. It was lots of fun, says the Liberty Advance, and another drive is being planned.

SKATING

HASTINGS' POND

Every evening—5 and 10c, ladies free after 6 p. m. each evening. Skating free in the afternoon.

Gifts of Flowers

The most expressive greetings of Yuletide—symbolize the beautiful Christmas Spirit of giving and radiate joyous, festive cheer through homes and Merry Christmas celebration.

Let Some of Your Gifts be Flowers

Engelmann's Fresh Cut Poinsettias, Roses, Carnations, Snapdragons Yellow and White Narcissus and Beautiful Flowering Poinsettias Cyclamen and Begonias whose long lived presence adds charm and interest.

The Christmas prices this year are the same as were in effect Christmas 1915. All early orders will be selected and reserved for delivery when wanted. Whether you make personal selection or order by mail or telephone your order will receive prompt and careful attention and will be packed to insure safe delivery even in the coldest weather.

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Take Notice!

That the City Dray is going to put on some

SPECIAL DELIVERY
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Stores that have goods for Christmas delivery, please call me.

Bard Fraser

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Give Furniture for Christmas

WHAT shall I give for Christmas?

There are a million things—the gifts that last a day, the gifts that are tucked away in closets, the gifts that are forgotten and—

The Gift of Furniture

Furniture lasts forever—is forever a reminder of the giver and forever of service to the recipient. It is forever useful and forever beautiful.

And it costs no more than the silly little gifts that die. A dollar or two will buy Furniture here—or many hundreds of dollars, according to what you choose to make it. You are invited to inspect our Christmas Assortments. You need not buy—but you will.

Nothing is more popular with the ladies than Cedar Chests. They always make an acceptable gift. They will add to the attractiveness of any room, but the most noted quality is their moth proof feature. When you put your furs, woolens, etc. away in a genuine Red Cedar Chest you are sure they are safe from attack by moths. We have some Cedar Chests at very attractive prices.

Gifts for all Members of the Family

Every One a Useful Gift

In our windows you will see a few suggestions of gifts appropriate for any friend or relative. You will find in our large stock many attractive patterns in--

Sewing Cabinets	Writing Desks	Chiffoniers
Smoking Stands	Reading Lamps	Royal Easy Chairs
Library Tables	Kitchen Cabinets	Davenports
Magazine Stands	Brass Beds	Dining Chairs
Pedestals	Sewing Rockers	Screens
Tea Wagons, oak or mahogany	Dressing Tables	Foot Stools
	Dining Tables	Childrens Rockers
Carpet Sweepers	Princess Dressers	Doll Beds
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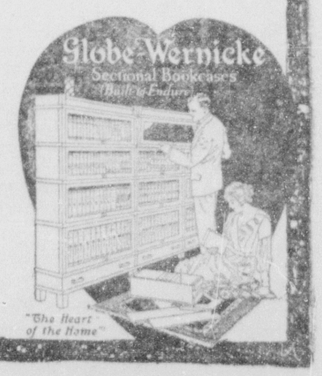
Useful Gifts at Reasonable Prices

Furniture **Price & McNeal** Rugs

WE PAYTHE FREIGHT
OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Give a Globe-Wernicke for Christmas



OTH Burnham twins pressed their noses against the window pane of their playroom and watched the snowflakes come whirling down out of the gray clouds above. Across the street, in the upstairs front room of the house, the twins could see that a fire was blazing on the hearth, and a little group of people sat before it. It was the day before Christmas.

"It's Paula's grandma," said five-year-old Alma to her sister.

"I saw her when she came," returned Alice. "She has come to spend Christmas. That is her room with the cozy fire. See, Paula is sitting in her lap. I wish we had a grandma."

"So do I," said Alma sadly. "But ours are both dead." "I'd—I'd just like to borrow Paula's grandma for awhile!"

"That would be fine," agreed Alice, "only what would Paula do?"

"I've—a good—mind—to—go—out and find a grandmother for myself," Alma said slowly.

"Alma," cried her sister, "let's!"

Ten minutes later the twins, unseen by any one and clad in their scarlet coats and caps with white leggings pulled over their rubbers, went down the street under a huge umbrella which Alma declared belonged to cook, for she had found it in the kitchen entry. Their mother was downtown somewhere shopping, and Nora, the nursemaid, was supposed to remain with them. But Nora had stepped out to mail a letter, and when she came back the twins had disappeared. But how could any one dream that they had gone out to search for a grandmother?

Once when father had asked them what they wanted most for Christmas they both declared in unison:

"Oh, a grandma, please, daddy!" But daddy and mother had both looked so sad that the twins were much ashamed.

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"Where shall we go first?" demanded Alice, holding tight to her sister's hand under the big umbrella.

"I've been thinking," said Alma, turning down a side street. "Do you remember once when we were teeny, weeny little girls such a pretty old lady stopped us on the street and kissed us both and said we looked like our Grandmother Burnham?"

"It's Paula's grandma," said Alma.

"She had a cane," added Alice, "and nurse said she was mother's auntie, only they didn't speak."

Alma knew where the pretty old lady lived, for she had seen her several times walking in the garden. Through the gate and trudging up the snowy path went the twins, the big umbrella bobbing uncertainly as they approached the house. A fire was crackling on a hearth. Seated before the fire in a great armchair was the pretty old lady, looking very lonely indeed.

"She looks very lonesome," whispered Alice, for they were on the porch now and were peering in the window.

Alma went to the door and rang the bell, and presently it opened and a very stout, comfortable looking maid looked down at them.

"Well, Little Red Riding Hoods," she smiled. "What do you want?"

"Please," said Alma boldly, "we came to see our grandmother."

"Bless me! Miss Hemmenway your grandmother? You better go right in and tell her. She's mighty lonesome this Christmas eve!" She opened the parlor door and admitted the two.

Miss Aurelia Hemmenway lifted her head and stared at the twins.

"We need a grandma," faltered Alma, "and you would make such a lovely one."

"Please do!" whispered Alice shyly, and somehow the little arms found their way around her neck and soft baby cheeks were pressed against hers.

"You are James Burnham's little girls?" asked the pretty lady. They nodded, and she buried her face in their curls. "I am almost your grandma, children; your own grandma was my sister; I am your mother's aunt. But I will be your grandma if you like, dears."

An hour later James Burnham and his wife rushed up on Miss Hemmenway's porch and looked through the window. Sitting before the fire was Aunt Aurelia, with whom they had quarreled years ago. On either arm of her chair was a twin gloriously happy in the possession of a grandmother.

It was a beautiful Christmas for all of them. The twins neglected their tree and their toys for their new treasure, and as for Miss Hemmenway—she declared it was the happiest Christmas of her life.

PAGEANT A FEATURE

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the Rev. T. H. Wiles, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Child to Flash Lights.

Jimmy, the small son of Joseph Jackson, Jr., will turn on the lights of the tree, which will flash first from the star at the top and then in circles down. The lights will be of many colors and the tree will be richly decorated.

At the same time the lights in the big "Welcome" sign on the west side of the court house will be flashed.

The entire chorus and audience will then unite in the singing of the old hymn, "Joy to the World." The song numbers will be interspersed by music by the Maryville band.

Mayor to Present Gifts.

A formal presentation will be made by Mayor Robey of the sleigh of gifts to "Santa Claus," representing the city Welfare Board. This ceremony will be followed by other musical numbers and the closing song will be "America" sung by all present.

The heralds and shepherds will be impersonated by forty high school students and in addition to the chorus already provided, the Rev. G. S. Cox and Prof. H. J. Becker, who have charge of the music, are trying to arrange a children's chorus.

Gifts to Welfare Board.

The true spirit of a community Christmas, that of good will to men, can be well expressed this year in the way provided by the committee to give all a chance to help those less fortunate. The sleigh to hold these gifts will be placed in the court house yard Thursday morning and a hearty response will mean Christmas joy in many homes, not only on Christmas day, but throughout the winter. These contributions made preceding Christmas, will be given to the City Welfare Board to be distributed by them as needed.

Fancy Christmas Cigars at Hansen's, from 60 cents a box up. 20

THE SEA VOYAGE

(Continued from page 1.)

ford. Lockwood of St. Louis, who was appointed three years ago, has spent more than a year in war work in France so three Missouri men are in residence here. Both of the Kansas men live in Missouri, although they attended K. U. The Arkansas man grew up to youth in Missouri before moving to the razorback state.

In religious preference and membership, the poll was: Methodists, nine; Episcopal, Congregational and Presbyterian, three; Baptist and Christian, two; Lutheran, Dutch Reformed, Unitarian and Roman Catholic, one. Four had no preference.

We had two boat drills to learn how to get away from the ship if trouble should come. But nothing happened except the blowing of the whistle. I am sure that I should have been very ill if there had been a fog because that big horn always played a tattoo on the under side of my stomach whenever it was blown. Lights were tabooed in any place where they might be seen by a U-Boat. On the last night when actually in the danger zone, we ran in a very zig-zag course. It is usual in peace times to announce on ship board each day how far along the boat is and where she is. This is not done now. The steamer upon which the Rhodes party originally took passage was recently sunk in the channel. We cancelled our tickets when its sailing was postponed.

So many other interesting things happened on board that it is surely worth continuing in another letter next week.

THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS.

Had Its Origin In Germany and Is Spreading Here Rapidly.

The celebration of the "community Christmas" in this country originated in a dinner table conversation of a group of artists in New York in 1912. One of the group, a young man who had just returned from study in Germany, was enthusiastic over the community festivals there, and the transplanting of the celebration to the United States had its birth at that time. The first community Christmas tree in this country was the Madison square "Tree of Light" in 1912. Various factors in the life of New York as a community contributed to the arrangement and financing of the tree. Since then the custom has spread to hundreds of cities, towns and villages, which have adapted the idea to their particular needs and circumstances and plan to make it a permanent establishment. The custom has existed in Germany for many years, is in fact an old German tradition and "fest." Specific information as to "what to do and how to do it" in planning and organizing a community festival may be obtained by addressing "The Tree of Light," Postoffice Station G, New York city.

Christmas Island.

Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

ABOUT MARYVILLE CATTLE

F. B. Nichols, Field Editor of Missouri Ruralist, Writes of Caldwell and Bellows Herd.

F. B. Nichols, field editor for the Missouri Ruralist, writes as follows in this week's issue of the International Stock Show in Chicago:

"The Angus herd owned by C. D. and E. F. Caldwell of Burlington Junction, Mo., took some of the heavy winnings. This included the senior championship on the great 2-year-old bull Blackcap Bertrand. The junior yearling bull Spistos took first in his class and he was sold in the Angus sale to Fred Roberts, of Atlanta, Ia., for $4,500. This was the top of the Angus sale; there were several other Caldwell animals that sold very high.

Some good winnings were taken by Bellows Brothers of Maryville, Mo., with their Shorthorns. This included first on senior bull calves with the great Village Supreme. This bull was made junior and grand champion bull, Burnbrae Sultan, owned by A. F. and G. Auld, of Guelph, Ont., Canada. Village Supreme was bred by Bellows Brothers on their farm near Maryville; he is in every sense a Missouri animal.

William Donahue of Skidmore left yesterday for Colorado Springs, Colo., to spend the winter. Mrs. Donahue, who has been there for the last three months for her health, is slowly improving.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

George Collins Arrested.

Sheriff Wallace arrested George Collins today on a charge of assault.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKee of near Barnard were in Maryville on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver McGinness and Mrs. Dennis McGinness of Pickering, were in Maryville yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Linthicum of near Graham were in Maryville yesterday.

Andy Slagle and son, Wellington, of Ravenwood, were in Maryville yesterday on business.

Mrs. Fred Robinson and Mrs. L. G. Crossan spent yesterday in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Henry Glines of Pickering who underwent an operation at St. Francis hospital is somewhat improved at this time.

J. A. Maxwell of Roundup, Mont., is in Maryville visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. F. Burris, on South Mulberry street.

Mrs. Jacob Baum, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Hanson, for the last few days will go to her home in Rosendale, tonight.

Fancy Christmas Cigars at Hansen's, from 60 cents a box up. 20

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith left this afternoon for Houston, Tex., to visit during the winter wit htheir sons, Fred and Walter Smith.

AMERICAN SCHOONER LOST.

Vessel "William Mason," Wrecked In A Gale — All Passengers Lost.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—The American schooner, William Mason, bound for Novia Scotia from New Jersey, has been reported lost in a gale with all on board. The wreckage of the vessel and the bodies of two seamen were washed ashore. One seaman was identified as Benjamin Mayhew of Missouri.

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James Corken of Burlington Junction, who is taking treatment at St. Francis Hospital is reported improved, ed.

3-More Days-3

in which to do your

Christmas Shopping

For this Final wind up we offer you many

Special Bargains

in order to reduce our stocks before invoicing, as we invoice between Christmas and New Years, we want our stock as low as possible, therefore *These Three Days of Big Bargains*

DRESSES.

Every dress in the house greatly reduced.

All Party Dresses now.....20 per cent off

All Silk Afternoon Dresses now .....20 per cent off

All Serge Dresses, except Betty Wales.....20 per cent off

One small lot all wool Challie Dresses to close out the price now only each $1.98

All Children's wool dresses one-fifth off

SUITS.

Your choice of any Suit in our store at exactly one-half price.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS.

Every Child's Cloak now at a big reduction.

One lot from 4 to 14 years, now only each $1.98

LADIES' CLOAKS.

One lot of Ladies' Cloaks in wool velour, Broadcloth and Bolivia Cloth, worth up to $45.00, now only.....$27.50

All Cloaks made of fancy materials, now one-third off.

All other Cloaks now at a big reduction.

FURS.

Why not give her a nice set of our Furs for Xmas? We are now selling all our Furs at one-fifth off the former price.

SKIRTS.

All Skirts made of fancy materials, now at one-fourth off.

One lot of Skirts worth $7.50 now only $5.69

All other Skirts including the famous Rampoer Chuddah, now 10 per cent off.

We invite you to bring the children to see the beautiful "Haines Bunch" Electric Lighted Christmas Tree — Now in our Ready-to-Wear Department.

WAISTS.

One lot of fancy Chiffon and Lace Waists, worth $6.75 to $9.75, now at exactly one-half price.

CAP AND SCARF SETS.

We show a very large line of these beautiful sets from .....$1.50 to $2.98
Caps from .....25c to 98c
Scarfs from .....50c to $1.98

SILK HOSIERY.

Where is a woman that ever had too many Silk Hose? She will appreciate these

Phoenix Silk Hose at.....80c and $1.05
Kayser Silk Hose up to .....$2.00 a pair

Burlington Silk Hose from 50c to $1.50 a pair.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

These always make acceptable gifts—When you don't know what to give — give Handkerchiefs.

Embroidered Handkerchiefs.....5c to 50c

All Silk Crepe de Chine Handerchiefs, large assortment of colors, each only 25c

NECKWEAR.

Give one of our beautiful Cromley collars — in Broadcloth, Crepe de Chine, Organdies, etc.

BLANKETS.

Make nice gifts. All our beautiful Wool Blankets, now 20 per cent off.

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS.

Most any lady would like these comfy Carlsbad Sleeping garments, now selling at 10 per cent off.

Haines — The Only Spot Cash And One Price Dry Goods Store in Nodaway County — Haines

NEWS FROM ALL Northwest Missouri

About 13,000 pounds of dresed poultry were expresed from here last Thursdty. The warm weather has ben hard on this business.—Unionville Republican.

When a Kansas City elevator fell four stories with a professor and nineteen students from William Jewell college, only one of the passengers was injured. And even the injuries suffered by Julian Van Hook were so slight that a few days in bed and a few more on crutches effected a cure. Last week Van Hook received $150 from the owners of the building in which the accident occurred, says the Liberty Advance. Seteral of the other students in the party received from $5 to $20 each in private settlements for releasing the owners of the building from further liability.

Another of the advantages of suburban life was brought to notice last week when a Liberty woman and her daughter missed a late car home from Kansas City. They went into a Kansas City drug store to phone home to Papa concerning their plight, were 20 minutes in the telephone booth and when they emerged they were horrified to find that the lights had been turned off and the store closed. They phoned the police and proprietor and finally were liberated at 3 a. m.

A Grant City clothing company, with a long look ahead, offers a "first pair of pants" for every boy baby born in Worth county. The gift is to be presented on the first birthday of each future citizen of Worth.

When the Grant City depot was burglarized one night last week the thief made his get-a-way with $1.50 in pennies and a gallon of bourbon whiskey. He made a clean sweep of the cash, says the Times, but overlooked five other gallons of whiskey. How his heart will ache if he reads this!

Editor Haas of the Worth County Times is surprised that an advertiser in one of his exchanges would offer for sale such valuable hens as these: "For Sale—A few good hens now laying eggs, also potatoes, corn and cabbage."

The first store in Grant City was established by Amos T. Frakes and his good wife, Georgia E. Frakes, away back in the Fifties. For more than 20 years these pioneers also were host and hostess to the travelers who visited the town, conducting in turn the Indiana House and the Oriental Hotel. Mr. Frakes died several years ago, but the aged wife passed away only last week in the county where she had made her home continuously since 1856.

Leap years come and go and still R. W. Krotzer looks down in the mouth—because he is a dentist—Tips of the (Grant City) Times.

Canned fruit and vegetables have been disappearing from cellars and caves in the vicinity of Corning. Just how seriously people have come to regard the theft of a potato or similar property in these modern times is shown by the fact that blood hounds were sent for and put on the trail with such effectiveness that arrests will follow shortly.

Pork is now $4 a hundred in St. Joseph. It is $7.75 in New York. Pork is certainly pork this season.—Sixty years ago in Savannah Reporter.

Company A of Tarkio and Company B of Carruthersville recently exceeded all records of the U. S. War Department for marching time when they made the distance from San Ygnacio to Laredo, 45 miles, in 15 hours, including a two-hour stop for supper. The march was made on Thursday night, November 23. The two New Hampshire companies that arrived from Laredo to relieve the Missouri boys at San Ygnacio had spent three days in making the same distance, that Companies A and B, of the Fourth Missouri made in 13 hours actual marching time. Few forced marches by any troops in the world have ever touched this remarkable record, says the Tarkio Avalanche.

It is proposed to build a great dam at Whitesville where the Platte River has so nice a fall over a limestone foundation. The dam would form a great reservoir, thought to be amply sufficient to furnish without interruption enough power to operate a great electric lighting and power plant.—King City Democrat.

While a Savannah rural mail carrier, J. N. Jackson, was out on his route one day last week persons entered his barn, pried open the doors of oats bins and corn crib and—no, guess again—they filled up the empty bins with a load of oats and several sacks of corn. They were appreciative patrons of a well served route, says the Reporter.

REJECT SMOOT'S SUBSTITUTE

Many Prohibitionists Fail to Vote, Fearing to Kill the Bill.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By I. N. S.)—By a vote of 61 to 8, the Senate this afternoon rejected Senator Smoot's substitute for the District of Columbia prohibition bill forbidding even the importation of alcohol for beverage purposes into the district. Many prohibitionists voted against the Smoot substitute, fearing it would kill the bill.

The main fight came over Senator Underwood's amendment providing a referendum of the question to district residents. After many minor changes had been made in its phraseology the amendment was beaten in committee of the whole, 38 to 38. Senator Underwood gave notice that he would ask for a separate vote on it when the bill with amendments came up for final action.

Advocates of the referendum still were hopeful tonight that the necessary majority could be found.

There is little chance that the tie can be broken by Vice-President Marshall, since he is to leave Washington before the senate convenes tomorrow.

Senator Sheppard showed a disposition to press for a final vote tonight but there was evidence that any attempt to do so would result in a filibuster and after much parliamentary maneuvers the senate went into executive session and left the bill to take the ordinary course tomorrow.

Before the vote on the referendum the senate adopted, 54 to 15, a change suggested by Senator Williams which would permit all persons "regardless of sex," to participate and approved also amendments confining suffrage to the literate and those who are not delinquent in tax payments, and extending it to residents of other states domiciled in the district.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR MEAT

Pupils of School of Modern Cookery Prepare Enough For Six Persons for 9½ cents.—

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

New York, Dec. 18.—A dish said to be scientifically as nourishing as meat has just been prepared for the pupils of the School of Modern Cookery under the direction of Miss Emma Hanko. It costs 9½ cents and was described as "ample for six persons." It was the mixture of corn meal and cheese known to Italians as polenta. The recipe was:

One cup of corn meal, three cups of water, one cup of grated cheese, one teaspoonful of salt and one-half a teaspoonful of pepper. To the boiled meal is added the cheese and the product is fried in fat.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued today for John Bell and Grace Mere Hoyt, both of Quitman.

SOCIETY & CLUBLAND

By MISS NELLE FITZGERALD

Hanamo phone 42, Farmers phone 144

Announce Marriage of Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood Bamford, of Denison, Ia., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Fanchon Bamford to Guy Neal, formerly of Maryville, on December 23, at the home of the bride's parents.

Westminster Guild Meets.

The Westminster Guild met last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson, with Mrs. Hanson, Miss Neva Sage and Miss Teresa Carstens as hostesses. Ten members and one visitor, Mrs. Jacob Baum, Jr., a sister of Mrs. Hanson, were present. The lesson was led by Miss Mary Frances Ford. The house was beautifully decorated with the Christmas colors and the refreshments were in red, white and green, the Christmas colors.

Entertained for Reilleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hansen of near Maryville entertained at 12 o'clock dinner Sunday at their home near Maryville in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Reilley and two sons, of Herbert, Canada. Other guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Behm and family of Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Behm and daughters, Beatrice and Loretta and Anna and Peter Behm.

Birthday Surprise for Mrs. McClurg.

Mrs. Murlan R. McClurg planned and successfully carried out a surprise party in honor of the twenty-fourth birthday anniversary of her husband Saturday night, at their home five miles north of Maryville. The evening was spent in playing games and the victrola furnished the music, after which a two-course luncheon was served by Mrs. McClurg, assisted by Miss Della McNeal and Mrs. John McClurg. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charley Carmichael and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. John McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. George Hantz, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Aley, Mr. and Mrs. Charley McClurg, Miss Neva McClurg, Earl McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ingerson, Delra McClurg, Gladys and Mamie McClurg, Edgar McClurg, Edith and Chester Casperson, Marve McNeal, Opal and Audry Birkenholz, Della McNeal, Harlan Hantz, Earnest Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Murlan McClurg, Esther and Frank Burch, Irvin McClurg, Guy Lleon, Ralph Aley. At a late hour they all departed wishing Mr. McClurg many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. U. S. Wright, Hostess.

The Loyal Women of the Christian Church were entertained at the home of Mrs. U. S. Wright on South Main street last evening. Mrs. C. B. Roberts, teacher of this class, was presented with a gold bar pin as a Christmas remembrance from the members, and the young girls present were given a Christmas shower.

The diversion of the evening was an auction sale of Christmas boxes. Soup beans were used as money and some of the guests paid as high as "two dollars" for their boxes. The hostess was assisted in serving the refreshments by Misses Mildred Shinabargar and Gertrude, Lola and Marie Wright. Those present were: Mrs. C. B. Roberts, Mrs. Frank Roelofson, Mrs. Jake Melvin, Mrs. W. B. Porter, Mrs. R. L. McDougal, Mrs. W. E. Goforth, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. William Armstrong, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Mrs. C. Emerson Miller, Mrs. J. S. Shinabargar, Mrs. George Hartley, Mrs. F. P. Reuillard, Mrs. George Wallace, Misses Laura and Florence Young; the Rev. C. Emerson Miller, Jake Melvin and U. S. Wright.

Entertains Amoma Class.

Mrs. Daniel Devezz Miller entertained the Amomo Class of the First Baptist Church at her home, 522 South Mulberry street in honor of the two teachers of the class, Mrs. Eugene Ogden and Mrs. Flora Quinn.

The class presented Mrs. Ogden with an enamelled relish tray and Mrs. Quinn with a hand-painted cake plate, the presentation being made by the Rev. Thomas Houston Wiles. A complete surprise in the form of a handkerchief shower, was given the hostess. She received thirty beautiful handkerchiefs.

An enjoyable recipe game was planned by Mrs. Quinn, in which favorite recipes were written by the guests for the benefit of the hostess, among which were remedies for "boiling water," "keeping out of scraps," and a wonderful recipe for corn gems, in which no corn meal appeared. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Miller and Miss Vera Mae Dorman. Those present, besides the honor guests and members of the family, were:

Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Duncan, Rev. Thomas Houston Wiles, Miss Eva Davis, Mrs. Al Dragoo, Mrs. Frank Reynolds, Master Paul Borrousch, Mrs. Warren Spoor, Mrs. Ed N. Malvern, Mrs. J. H. Woodburn, Mrs. Arthur Warner, Mrs. James Kegin, Miss Laura White, Mrs. Melinda Mays, Mrs. Karl R. Malotte, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Ernest Glover, Mrs. Vina Justus, Miss Cora Young, Mrs. A. B. Doylan, Miss Emma Ballinger, Miss Sallie Tanner, Mrs. G. H. Leach, Mrs. Martin Borrusch.

Tourist Department Has a Russian Tea.

The Tourist Department of the Twentieth Century Club held the one social meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. J. C. Allender on South Fillmore Street yesterday afternoon.

The entertainment was in the form of a Russian tea, which was attended by thirty members of the department. The decorations were elaborate and artistic. Brightly colored Christmas bells were hung in the parlor and hall, and the dining room was festooned with Christmas greens. The dining table was centered with a tiny Chrismas tree lighted with electric lights. Around the tree on the table were a number of candy canes which were given to the guests as favors upon leaving the dining room.

The program scheduled for the meeting combined information and entertainment in just the right quantities.

Mrs. R. L. McDougal opened the program with a paper on "The Period of Nonenities: From the Death of Peter the Great to Catharine II." Her paper was excellent, and showed a splendid grasp of the subject matter and an understanding of the spirit of the age. Mrs. L. R. Holt gave a comprehensive paper on "The Territorial Expansion of Russia to the End of the Eighteenth Century," and added to this a talk on the position of the Russian troops at the present time, using a war map for illustration. She gave an idea of the attitude of the common people of Russia toward the war.

Mrs. Frank White gave a masterful discussion of the literature of the period, including in her paper the rise, development and decline of the movements in Russian literature during the eighteenth century.

The music of the afternoon was furnished by Prof. Fred Lewis Hakel and his cousin, Vladimir Jisa, who gave several illustrations of Russian music.

The numbers were highly appreciated by the membrs of the department and the violinists were inspired to do their best by the appreciation and attention of their audience. The numbers were: Violin duet, "Russian National Hymn," by Alexis Von Lvoff, major general of the Russian army; Russian folk songs of the eighteenth century for violin and piano; Russian national dance by Kuiawiak, written by Wieniawski; romance from the second violin concerto in D minor, by Wieniawski; Minuet in G, by Beethoven.

Mrs. A. F. Harvey played the accompaniments.

Mrs. M. G. Tate, president of the club, poured the tea, and she was assisted in her duties by Mrs. A. W. Hoover, Mrs. Frank White, Miss Ora Barmann and Mrs. E. G. Orear. Mrs. English was the only guest of the department.

Issue Invitations for Party.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Toel have issued invitations for a euchre party for Friday evening, Dec. 29, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Court Wesley Toel at their home on East Thompson street.

Russell Robey, Host.

Russell Robey, son of Mayor and Mrs. Arthur S. Robey, celebrated his sixteenth birthday yesterday, and after school entertained a number of his

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Ivory Pyralin has proven very popular for Christmas gifts this season and we are displaying the largest line we have ever shown. In addition to the extensive assortment we were showing we just received another shipment of mirrors, manicure sets and separate pieces, brushes, puff boxes, combs, picture frames, trays, soap boxes, clocks, bottle holders and various other items that are practical for gifts. Our prices are reasonable.

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We are unusually well prepared to supply every possible want in silk hose for women. Our stock includes Wayne Knit, Kayser, Phoenix, Gordon and Topsy. Black, white, assorted plain colors and fancy effects are here in abundance for you to select from. Prices range from the silk boot at 50c to the fine qualities at $1.75.

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Solid Gold Brooches .....$2.00 to $50
Solid Gold Cameo Brooches $5 to $80
Solid Gold Neck Chains....$1.50 to $18
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"A Mixed Up Christmas"

By BERTHA M. MASTERS

THE three little Burtons listened open mouthed and wide eyed to Bobby Taylor.

"And a pair of ice skates and a pair of roller skates," he ended breathlessly.

"But, Bobby, you've got both kinds of skates," protested Jimmy Burton forlornly. "Santa Claus wouldn't bring you more skates and not leave me any at all."

The Taylors' house was large and handsome. On the other side of the iron fence was the little red cottage where the Burtons lived.

But now it was the day before Christmas. Everything was covered with snow, and the three Burton children were feeling very unhappy. First their mother had told them that perhaps Santa Claus might not leave them very much this year, there were so many poor little children.

"Poorer than we are?" asked Molly.

Mrs. Burton laughed and kissed the little girl. "Bless your heart, baby, we are not poor," she cried happily, and so the three had told Bobby Taylor that they were not poor.

But Bobby had laughed at them and told them that their father worked for his father in the store and that their mother sewed for his mother.

"We cannot even have a tree this year," Jimmy whispered to Sadie.

"That's because daddy was sick so long, and mother said we were not to mind. I'd rather hang up my stocking," said Sadie bravely.

"So would I," added Jimmy. And little Molly lisped mournfully:

"But my stockings are tho thmall, and I wanted a dolly carriage, I did!"

On the other side of the iron fence Mr. Taylor was walking to and fro smoking his cigar. He had heard every word that had been said, and long after the children were asleep that night he was talking to his wife.

That Christmas eve Santa Claus stopped at the Taylors' chimney and thought a long while.

"Bobby Taylor lives here," said Santa to himself. "He has so many beautiful toys I don't know what to give him, so I'll just give some candy and nuts and oranges and maybe a book, and I'll give the same to his sister Laura. All these skates and dolls and other things I shall leave at the little cottage next door."

So he left some candy and nuts and oranges and books for Bobby and his sister Laura, and he passed on to the Burtons' cottage, where the chimney was so small he could not squeeze through, so he had to creep around to the parlor window and pry it open.

The Chimney Was So Small He Couldn't Squeeze Through.

There wasn't any Christmas tree here, but on the mantelpiece hung three stockings in a row, and pinned to Molly's little white stocking was a note Sadie had written:

Please put the doll carriage on the floor, Santa.

So it wasn't surprising that the three little Burtons awoke with shrieks of delight to play with their toys while Bobby Taylor wouldn't believe that Santa Claus had actually passed him by until his father said he was afraid that Santa had thought Bobby didn't need any new toys. Besides, he and Laura had been selfish.

Just then there came a ring at the doorbell, and in came Jimmy and Sadie, the first carrying a pair of roller skates in one hand and a pair of ice skates in the other. Sadie was holding two lovely dolls.

"Merry Christmas, all!" cried Jimmy. "See, Bobby, Santa Claus brought me two pairs of skates just like yours!"

Bobby hung his head. "I didn't get any skates at all," he confessed.

Jimmy drew a long breath and held out both hands.

"I'm more used to going without things," he said simply. "One pair is enough for me, Bobby; you take one."

Bobby began to cry at his playmate's generosity, and Laura did the same, for Sadie had offered her one of her two dolls.

Mr. Taylor smiled at his wife. "I believe they have learned their lesson," he whispered, and she nodded and opened the doors into the parlor.

The children screamed with joyful surprise. There in the middle of the room was a big, beautiful tree, laden with toys and gifts of every sort. There were presents for the Burton children and one for Mr. and Mrs. Burton. It was a slip of pink paper in an envelope, and Mrs. Burton cried over it, and Mr. Burton and Mr. Taylor shook hands very hard. Bobby whispered it was a check, which was just the same as money.

OUR REVENUE TAXES

MISSOURI CONTRIBUTES $16,856,519 A YEAR TO THE U. S.

$1,302,866 ON LIQUORS

Labor Bureau Suggests That State Can Find New Sources of Revenue By Reviewing List.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Jefferson City, Dec. 19.—The fact that Missouri, in the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1916, contributed $16,856,519 to the support of the United States government suggests that the state could easily contribute nearly that much more annually for the support of its institutions, says a Bureau of Labor Statistics bulletin given publicity today.

Just how much and where Uncle Sam collects revenue in Missouri is interesting information to those who are anxious to see the state prosper, and indicates the source of more funds to meet the ever-increasing cost of government of a growing state.

Uncle Sam in the last fiscal year collected on spirits distilled in Missouri, at $1.10 a gallon, and other similar sources, $1,302,866.

The Federal revenue derived in Missouri from cigarettes, cigars, snuff and chewing and smoking tobacco totaled $5,862,395.

Missouri Brewers Paid $5,031,364.

Missouri brewers paid Uncle Sam $5,031,364. About $5,001,582 came as a tax on beer at $1.50 for each 31 gallons $250 from brewers who manufactured less than 500 barrels of beer, at $50 each, and from brewers, annual output more than 500 barrels, a special tax of $100 each. Retail dealers in malt liquors paid a special tax of $20 each, and wholesale dealers $50 each.

United States collected from Missouri oleomargarine dealers, wholesale and retail, a total of $71,991.

Missouri manufacturers, packers and repackers of mixed flour in 1915-16 paid $604 as a special tax. Manufacturers, retail and wholesale dealers in adulterated butter, paid $36. Each manufacturer also paid a special tax of $600; each retail dealer, $48, and each wholesale dealer, $480. Missouri manufacturers of process or renovated butter paid the U. S. $1,842. The tax was one-fourth of a cent on each pound manufactured, and each manufacturer also had a special tax of $50.

Missouri bankers and brokers paid $158,552.

Other Resources of Revenue.

For each pool, billiard table and bowling alley there is a special tax of $5. Missouri paid in for this purpose the last fiscal year $25,279. Each commission merchant is supposed to pay an annual tax of $20 to the United States. Missouri paid into this fund $9,102. Then there was derived as a special tax on each telegram, on each Pullman berth or seat sold, and on all newspaper shipments, $261,623. From the sales of revenue stamps for notes and other legal documents coming under the Federal stamp act, Missouri paid $1,336,729. Uncle Sam's stamps on perfumery, cosmetics, and similar compounds cost Missouri manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers $73,705.

A special tax of $1 each was paid by each manufacturer, importer and distributor of opium, this source yielding Uncle Sam $9,409. Physicians, dentists and veterinary surgeons paid Uncle Sam $678 for order blanks for opium and similar narcotics, at $1 each hundred. Playing cards manufactured in Missouri brought in $45, and some miscellaneous collections, $990.

There was derived $12,275 from penalties and settlements of delinquent taxes and revenue on the preceding lines. Missouri corporations paid to Uncle Sam an income tax and for delinquent penalties, $1,583,237. Collections on individual incomes of 10,647 Missouri citizens amounted to $1,206,729.

Wm. Canady, of Gentry county, probably bears the distinction of being the only man in Northwest Missouri who has lived nearly three-fourths of a century on one farm, says the Albany Capital. Canady has spent 72 years on the farm wheer he still resides.

NEWS FROM ALL Northwest Missouri

A gentleman remarked in this office the other day that the man who can acknowledge a mistake without blaming it on someone else has the right brand of courage.—Richmond Missourian.

A Richmond dairyman sold his last cow the other day—on the beef market. The cow weighed 1,260 pounds and at 6 cents per pound brought $81.60. The beef market was tempting, feed was high and cusaomers objected to higher prices for milk.

Princeton is to have a community Christmas tree and in addition to the impressive music and appropriate exercises there will be a gift for every child in the city.

An earnest and successful meeting of Linn county farmerz was held at Linneus last week for the purpose of securing a farm advisor for the county.

At the foot of a long hill near Weatherby, with their motor car going at a lively clip, two Bethany men, Joe Gale and Alva Chambers, were horrified when the steering wheel came off their car. Merely by good luck the car collided with the banister of a bridge that spanned the 20-foot deep creek and the motorists escaped with nothing worse than some broken ribs.

So strenuous was the rush of Christmas buying last week at a Harrison county store according to the Pawnee correspondent in the Bethany Republican, that a husband and wife in attempting to shift the baby from parental arm to the other dropped him plump through the glass top of a show case. Fortunately the breakage of glass was the only damage; the plucky little Missourian didn't even cry.

Many years ago, when the first Hobbs Chapel was built, near Eagleville, one of the workmen, Lem Edwards, one day found that his dinner pail contained no fork. Uncle E. B. Hobbs, for whom the church was named, happened to be present and kindly whittled out a wooden fork for Edwards. Recently a new building was erected to replace the old structure and again Edwards assisted in the work. This time, out of honor to the old poineer, the workman carried to his work day after day the same old wooden fork which he had carefully kept in remembrance of the historic incident.

The Lathrop Optomist last week printed 148 letters from little folks to Santa Claus. It is a document of vital human interest—an encyclopedia of the ways in which Santa Claus can bring happiness to children, ways not so difficult as one might think. "Dear Santy Claus," begins one letter, "I am a little girl I live 6 miles east of Lathrop with my mamma and papal want you to come and see me and bring me some cookies some candy nuts oranges bannas and my little baby brother and I wants a wagon so I can pull him next summer Grandpa Gilby stays with us sometimes so don't forget him bring sister and Arthur something to Please remember the little poor children that has no home give them some clothes and a plenty to eat I will go to bed early so you can come yours truly little Mildred Norman."

A stone about the size of a large orange was dumped with a load of corn into one of the bins of the Forest City elevator last week, reports the news, and when the stone reached the sheller such serious breakages occurred that new parts had to be ordered from an Illinois factory and the work of the elevator was held up for several days.

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How Archie Played Santa Claus

By CLARISSA MACKIE

ARCHIE LINN sold his last newspaper and then raced home to the two little rooms where he lived with his mother. Archie's father was dead, and the boy and his mother worked hard to earn bread and butter and pay the rent.

"Hullo, mother!" cried Archie as he flung his arms around her neck and hugged her. "I sold all my papers, and I've earned 20 cents running errands since school was out! I'll soon have enough to buy a fine pair of skates."

"You will enjoy the skates, won't you, son?" Mrs. Linn asked. "If your father had lived he would have bought them for you."

"I know it, mother. But I thought if Santa Claus didn't bring me any, why, I'd buy them myself, see?"

Mrs. Linn nodded.

"I expect he might forget folks, like the Pludes, who live on the top floor," suggested Archie.

"He might, dear."

Archie was very thoughtful all the evening, and before he went to bed he counted over the little store of money he had put away. There was 50 cents that couldn't be touched—he had saved it for his mother's Christmas gift—two handkerchiefs and a pair of warm gloves; he had picked them out at Bressen's store on the corner.

He Counted Over the Little Store of Money.

And there was more money in his little box—dimes and pennies and nickels saved for many months to buy the coveted skates—$1.15. Twenty cents more, and then if Santa Claus forgot him or there were not skates enough to go around—why, he could buy a pair for himself.

And then came the thought of the Plude family on the top floor. There were so many little Pludes, and they were quite poor. Mr. Plude was ill in the hospital, and Mrs. Plude was worn out with worry and hard work. What would they do if Santa Claus didn't come—if he forgot the Plude family?

The next day was Christmas eve, and Mrs. Linn noticed that Archie was quite serious. "What is the matter, dear?" she asked him after they had eaten their supper.

"Mother, do you mind if I spend my skate money for something else?" he asked.

"But, dear, you want the skates so badly," she objected.

He nodded. "I know it, mother; but, you see, if I am disappointed there is only one of me to feel sorry, but there are so many of the Pludes, and they are all so little they will feel so sorry."

"What is it you want to do?" she smiled at him.

"I thought maybe—if Santa Claus forgot the Pludes I'd make believe I was Santa. I'm sure he wouldn't care if I helped him when he is so busy—and I'd take my money and buy some things for them. Perhaps you'd go, too, mother, and help me choose at the ten cent store."

"Of course I'll help you, son," said Mrs. Linn, for she was very proud of her little boy.

Mrs. Linn said no more just then, but later in the day when Archie's Sunday school teacher came to call she told Miss Smith about Archie's self sacrifice.

That evening Archie and his mother went shopping in the ten cent store. They found presents for all the little Pludes, and Archie laughed and chuckled when his mother insisted on calling him Santa Claus.

That night after all the little Pludes were fast asleep Mrs. Plude let Archie into the room, and together they filled the poor little stockings hanging in a row over the stove.

"It's all I can do to earn money for a bit of coal and food," sighed Mrs. Plude as she kissed Archie good night, "and you should sleep sweetly, my boy, because of the happiness you're bringing to my little ones."

When Archie awoke on Christmas morning he looked across the room to the mantelpiece where his stocking hung.

A pair of skates! Yes, indeed; such a bright and shining pair—and a red sled, a real flier! Archie shouted for joy as he jumped out of bed. There were a woolen cap and a pair of mittens and some candy. "Gee!" cried Archie. "Santa Claus didn't forget me after all!"

Mrs. Linn smiled at his delight. She was glad that she had allowed Miss Smith, the Sunday school teacher, to give Archie the skates and sled.

TAXES NOW RUSH IN

No One Wants to Pay Penalty—$29,000 Already In Township Stocking—Fine for Poll Tax.

Township tax collector C. L. Gann is in a jubilant mood these days. And why? Because people are coming in by the dozen each day to pay their taxes. No one is going to pay 1 per cent a month after January 1, if he can help it, especially in these days of the H. C. of L. Consequently, the township pocket now contains $29,000, which represents a good many thousands more than have ever been in at this time of the year before.

Mayor Robey is also in a state of ecstacy over the poll tax record. Nearly $1,000 has been collected in poll tax this year, which is about $600 more than has ever been collected before. Only a few men between the ages of 21 and 50 have neglected their duty along this line and those who neglected t opay were sued. A few were garnisheed.

The reveaue from the poll tax will be devoted to the improvement of the streets, and Mayor Robey expects to do a great deal with the money as soon as Spring comes and the street cleaning time is upon us.

Eagleville has a turkey story too. Mrs. E. B. Sharp sold 54 turkeys at 22 cents a pound or a total of $172.46—and has turkeys left.

Kansas City Stock Letter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 20, 1916.—All kinds of cattle sold higher last week except choice to prime steers which showed some weakness. Prices are steady to firm today, market active, receipts 19,000. Hogs sold strong to 5 higher, receipts 17,000, top $10.25, same as top in Chicago today. Sheep and lambs sold 10 to 15 lower, top lambs $12.75.

BEEF CATTLE

The best steers here today sold at $10.50 to $10.75. The specialties have all been marketed, prices in the last two weeks $11.25 to $12, highest ever paid for Christmas cattle here. Short fed cattle are holding up firm, at $8.50 to $10.50, and medium to common steers sell at $6.75 to $7.75. Forty cars of Colorado and Utah cattle are on the road for tomorrow's market. Canners and common cows sell higher relatively than any other cattle at $5.25 to $5.75, medium cows $6.00 to $7.00, good to choice cows $7.25 to $8.00, a few above that, bulls mostly $6.00 to $7.00, veal calves $9.00 to $11.00.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS

More of the run is stockers and feeders today than for three weeks, and there is ample outlet for them at firm prices, 50 cents to a dollar above two weeks ago. Demand calls for all weights and grades, fleshy feeders going out at $8.00 to $8.60, thin feeders $7.25 to $7.85, stock steers $6.00 to $7.75, stock cows and heifers $5.25 to $7.50. Purchasers now get the benefit of shrinkage of all the grass sap, which made weights heavier a month or two ago.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

FOR the coming season our stock of Wall Paper and Paints will be larger and better than ever before. There will be no advance in prices.

ARNETT DECORATING COMPANY

Our Store is Open Tonight

Victrolas, $15.00 to $300.00

Easy Payments

Records, 75c to $7.00

Sheet Music, Violins, Etc.

Pianos and Players

Schumann, Packard, Bond, Kimball, Whitney-Werner and Washburn.

When you put music in your home you bring an atmosphere of culture and refinement that nothing else can produce.

LANDON MUSIC CO.

North Main Street

Let Everyone in the Family

SAVE A FEW PENNIES

Every Week

And Be Sure to Have a Merry Christmas

Let each one, from the oldest to the youngest, be enrolled in our

Christmas Savings Club

It is the easiest and surest way to save.

Everyone will be delighted to get a generous check for Christmas, just when the money will do the most good.

Come in and make a deposit. That is all you have to do.

Become a Member

Farmers Trust Company

HOGS.

Strong demand kept prices advancing regularly last week, and the supply sold steady to firm today, best heavies, $10.25, medium weights, $10.30, lights $10.05, bulk of sales $9.75 to $10.20. Quality is improving each week, and Eastern killers are increasing their orders here, Kansas City hogs appealing to them more now than at any time since the first of November. Normally hogs bought at Kansas City kill out two to five per cent better for Eastern killers than hogs bought at other markets. Receipts were 80,000 head last week, which included ten thousand head brought in by packers from other markets, the supply here falling short of their requirements.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Prices are off 10 to 15 cents today, best lambs $12.75. A good many feeding lambs are included, prices of same $11.00 to $11.50, choice light weight lambs quotable up to $12.00. The decent fat lambs sold at $12.60 to $12.75 today; fat ewes sell at $7.75 to $8.75, yearlings $10.50 to $11.25. Weather for feeding has been extra good all fall, which together with anxiety to get in while prices are high will cause fed stock to move thirty days earlier than usual this season from all sections.

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EXTRA—Above What You Pay For

—Kodak Films at a Wholesale Price.
—Kodaks Free for Your Use.
—An Exceptionally Prompt Delivery.
—An Expert Information Service.

CARPENTER'S

AT THE BEE HIVE SHOE STORE

Our Greeting and Gift to you, our friends, at this Yuletide season, is the service of this Bank. We can conscientiously say that we have put in our time, thought and money to make this institution a true servant of the public. If we can prove to you in counsel, Security and Safety, real Bank-Service, we shall feel that we have done our share as fellow men to repay you for your kind patronge the past year. Right now on the eveof the great holidays, we ask that you put us to the test and give us that opportunity.

Nodaway Valley Bank

MARYVILLE, MO.

Santa Claus Banks Here.

Christmas Trees

From the little table trees a foot high, to big trees 10 feet high.

Prices from 25c to $1.00

Holly Mistletoe

Wreaths—Fizz Sprigs

They make beautiful Decorations for Yuletide.

Our pure food Candies will interest you. Attractive prices to quantity buyers. A full line of Fancy Candy in attractive Christmas boxes—1 to 5 pounds each—just received. Nuts, Dates and Figs of all kinds.

Special—Fancy Chocolates—1 pound boxes—while they last at, per box **25c**

Schumacher's

NEWS OF SOCIETY AND WOMEN'S CLUBS

(Continued from page 5.)

friends. The invited guests were Vilas and Edward Awalt, Ed and Donald Ferritor, Robert and Townsend Godsey, Carlos Yehle, Royal Custer, Jack Childress, Glenn Trullinger, Lee Maier, Lawrence Masters, Lorace Landfather, Harold Daniels, Paul LaVerne Robey and Donald LaVerne Robey.

Cabaret Dance at Elks.

The Elks are making arrangements for a cabaret dinner dance for Thursday evening, Dec. 28. An elaborate entertainment is being planned. The Elks will not give a Christmas dance; neither a New Year's dinner dance.

Hoyt-Beal Wedding.

Miss Grace Hoyt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hoyt and John Beal, both of Quitman, were married this morning at the recorder's office, Rev. Ragsdale of Quitman officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Beal left for a visit with relatives in Iowa. They will make their home in Quitman.

John Owen Murrin a student of the St. Louis University arrived in Maryville Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Murrin.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville, Mo., postoffice for the week ending Wednesday, December 20th, 1916.

Men.

Bernard, Lester
McKee, Joseph F.
Midegaard, Ben
Morgan, Wayne
Tolbert, Leo

Women.

Dragoo, Mrs. F. W.
Moore, Miss Drucilla.

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised."

JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

Deed of Separation Filed.

A deed of separation was filed today in the recorder's office by Levi Lyle and Sarah Lyle, living northeast of Maryville. The grounds were stated as incompatability of temper which prevents them from living happily together. Mr. Lyle is giving his wife $1,750 in cash and a $1,250 note as her share of the property.

Two Wagons Damaged.

Hubert Null and G. Harbison suffered the loss of their wagons in a smash-up at the Burlington freight depot about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They were loading stock food when their teams became frightened and started to run away. The horses were uninjured, but the wagons were badly damaged.

Here From Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Reilley and two sons of Herbert, Canada, will visit friends and relatives in Maryville until after the holidays.

Mary and Phil Growney of Conception Junction were in Maryville yesterday.

Holds Closing Out Sale.

Sheriff-elect John Dowden held a closing out sale yesterday at his farm northeast of Maryville. Fifty head of western ewes brought $11.75 average. Milk cows sold from $70 to $87. Corn brought 82 cents a bushel, and oats 53 cents a bushel.

Mrs. George B. Baker left yesterday for Kansas City for a few day's visit with relatives. She will be met there by her daughter, Miss Carrie Margaret Baker who attends the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., and they will return to Maryville Friday.

Winfred Hawkins, who teaches in the University of Kansas, will arrive in Maryville the last of the week to spend the holidays with his father, Prof. C. A. Hawkins and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Andrews.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our son.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown. 20

The basket ball game played last Saturday night in Skidmore by the teams of the Skidmore and Barnard high schools resulted in a 31-39 score for Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scott returned from Rochester, Minn, yesterday where they went to consult the Mayo brothers about Mrs. Scott's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Allen of Ravenwood were in Maryville on business today.

Fancy Christmas Cigars at Hansen's, from 60 cents a box up. 20

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Grain Market Futures.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—WHEAT, Dec. $1.59½; May, $1.59.

CORN—Dec. 87⅛c; May 88⅛.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000; steers $8.11; cows, $5.10 @ $5.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,000; market 10c higher; top, $10.30; bulk $9.65 @ $10.20.

SHEEP— Receipts, 4,000; market steady.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 19,000; market steady.

HOGS—Receipt, 55,000; market 5c higher; top, $10.30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 17,000; market steady.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,200; market steady.

HOGS—Receipts, 13,000; market 5c higher; top, $10.20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000; market steady.

Furnished daily by Frost & Speirs

Butter fat, per lb	34c
Eggs, per dozen	35c
Hides, per lb	17c
Springs, per lb	13c
Hens, per lb	13c
Ducks, per lb	11c
Geese, per lb	10c
Roosters and stags, per lb	6c

The Realm of Christmas Fancy

To the realms of Christmas fancy
I must speed away, away,
Where the elfs of joy are dancing
And the sprites of pleasure play.
I must go where gentle fairies
Whisper softly on the air
And the gift king waves his scepter
Over blessings sweet and rare.

Childhood's realm of Christmas fancy
Once again shall feast my eyes
With the old time love and rapture,
With the old time fond surprise.
In the flickering hearthstone shadows,
In the music and the mirth,
Once again each dear remembrance
Speaks good will and peace on earth.

In the realms of Christmas fancy
I shall very shortly see
All the old, beloved memories
Coming back to gladden me.
Long forgotten forms and faces,
Long departed thoughts and dreams,
I shall find in those fair vistas
Where the Christmas glory streams.
—Lurana Sheldon in New York Times.

Let us frame your Christmas pictures. Arnett Decorating Co. 18-20

Plum Cake

By ANNE CAREW

TWO weeks before Christmas Arthur Loring tiptoed into the playroom and closed the door.

"I know where there's something good to eat!" he said mysteriously.

"Mince pies," guessed Ella and Grace, while Henry turned a somersault and refused to guess at all.

"What's the use?" he asked. "Cook wouldn't give us a teeny piece beforehand, would she?"

"She wouldn't—not a bite," agreed his brother and sisters sadly, and Arthur added with a chuckle: "But it isn't a pie, you see. It is in the garret!"

"The garret?" In an instant the three had jumped to their feet and were following Arthur up the winding stairs.

In one corner of the garret was a cupboard, far away from the warm chimneys, and here it was Mrs. Loring's custom to keep certain good things to eat. It was cold and dark in the cupboard and yet not cold enough to freeze.

"Oh! Um-m-m!" they all whispered.

Arthur lifted the cover of a round pasteboard box like a small bonnet box and folded back some tissue paper.

"Oh! Um-m-m!" they all whispered excitedly.

You would have been excited, too, if you had glimpsed that beautiful, big, frosted cake. It was big and round and covered with thick white frosting all over. In the middle were green leaves cut from citron and some little red candies that looked just like a bunch of holly.

The children looked and looked, growing hungrier every minute. Finally Grace put out her hand and picked off a ragged drop of icing from one edge, and a small piece of cake came with it. She looked frightened, but put it all in her mouth. It was full of raisins and citron and tasted delicious.

The other children looked scared, but Henry boldly broke off another piece and then Arthur and lastly Ella. When each had tasted a bit there was a hole in the side of the cake as large as a very large egg. Arthur quickly covered the hole with tissue paper, and then he covered the box and closed the cupboard door. They stole downstairs, feeling very guilty indeed.

Well, so it went on for a week before Christmas. First one and then another, never telling, sneaked up to the garret and ate a few crumbs.

It was Christmas eve when Ella took her last crumb and noticed that the frosted top of the cake was beginning to crack.

She was frightened and sorry and very, very unhappy, and so were Grace and Arthur and Henry, for all had been guilty.

Christmas morning they had all their presents, and each one got just what he and she wanted.

"Santa Claus is a good guesser," cried Arthur.

"I should say he was," said Grace as she dressed her new doll. She wondered why she did not feel as happy as usual this Christmas, and then the thought came that it was because she had deceived her parents.

"Now for the surprise," cried Aunt May at 5 o'clock. "All you kiddies go upstairs and get into your best frocks. You must be down at 5:30 sharp!"

Beside the four little Lorings there were their two cousins, Amy and Fred, and before 5:30 the doorbell rang several times, and other children came.

"We've come to your party!" cried the guests excitedly.

This was the surprise father and mother and Aunt May had so carefully hidden from them.

And they knew that the plum cake had been a surprise for their Christmas party, and they had spoiled it.

There was an empty space in the middle of the supper table. The children knew it was for the cake. They had just sat down when the mother came in, carrying the cake on a silver tray. Mother said:

"This was such a lovely cake! Aunt May baked it as a surprise for the children, and it was hidden up in the garret cupboard. Today we found it with all the outside eaten off. Just think what bad little mice have done!"

All the children exclaimed in wonder and disappointment except the guilty ones. Then Arthur got up and cried out:

"It was two legged mice, mother."

"Indeed?" asked mother in surprise. Then his brother and two sisters all got up, and they all made confession and cried a little. But none of them was allowed to have any of what was left of the cake.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING WANTS THAT BRING RESULTS

RATES IN THIS COLUMN

Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

Ads running less than three days or intorrupted insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.

Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all want ads when cash does not accompany the order.

Miscellaneous.

FOR new or old work see me for special prices. Ryks Plumbing Co., south side square. Hanamo 270.

QUICK and efficient service is required for first class work. Our service gives this to you. Standard Plumbing Co.

SEE Holmes & Wolfert for bargains in farms and city properties. Good terms. 16-22

Ford delivery service. Scotts, of course, with Diss. Cummins & Moberly. Hanamo 70, Farmers 162. 20-22*

If you want me to have credit for your Democrat-Forum subscription when you go to the office say, "Give Smith credit." Marion F. Smith, Democrat-Forum agent, Box 48, Maryville, Mo. 18-20*

Box and pie social and Christmas tree at Walker school, 6 miles west of Maryville, Thursday night. 18-20

BARBER SHOP, 209 East Third. The only 10c shave in town, haircut 20c. Viles & Clauser. 18-23*

Fancy Lump Coal, $5.50 per ton, city scale weights if wanted. Glover & Alexander. 18-23

STRAYED—From Craig river bridge, 1coming 2-year-old dark Jersey heifer, will freshen soon. Reward. Telephone Farmers 114, Hanamo 76. 20-22*

LOST—Agent's order book with stubs, opens at end. Reward. Return to Democrat-Forum or phone Farmers 27-20. 20-22*

LOST—Large fur muff Thursday afternoon in down-town district. Suitable reward. Return here. 18-20*

We frame pictures, new stock of moulding to select from. Arnett Decorating Co. 18-20*

For Sale.

FOR SALE—Extra choice lot of thoroughbred Buff Orpington cockerels. Mrs. J. J. Pyles, Farmers phone 32-12. 18-20*

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White cockerels. Mrs. Ray Masters, Farmers phone 38-16, route 1. 20-22*

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Chester White male hog. Farmers phone 6-11 or 210 South Walnut. 20-22*

FOR SALE —Motorcycle, Harley-Davidson, good condition, twin cylinder, only $65. John Cooper, 111½ East Fourth. 19-21*

FOR SALE—Fine Duroc-Jersey boar; also fresh cow and calf. Farrell Bros., Orrsburg. 18-20

FOR SALE—Full blooded S. C. Rhode Island Red rooster; few capons weighing six pounds. H. L. Raines, Hanamo 555. 18-20*

Wanted.

WANTED—Two girls at Maryville laundry. 19-21*

WANTED TO BUY—Feathers of all grades. Buyer will call. 513 North Mulberry. Hanamo phone 440. 19-21*

WANTED—Small amounts of idle money to loan on real estate. Chas. E. Stilwell, Maryville, Mo. 9-tf

For Rent.

FOR RENT—6-room house adjoining Normal, ready any time. J. T. Hays, Hanamo 575. 4-tf

FOR RENT—Good small house on West Seventh. Bertha Anderson, Hanamo phone 3421. 20-22*

FOR RENT—Modern 6-room house South Market street, January 1. See Dr. K. C. Cummins. 20-22*

FOR RENT—2 good farms near Maryville, 160 and 130 acres respectively, 160 fine for stock raising. Apply at once. M. G. Tate. 16-tf

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished rooms with or without board, close in. Mrs. Jennie Zook, 203 West Second street. Hanamo phone 4719. 19-2$*

Among the out-of-town people in Maryville today were: Alva Cox of Maitland, William Oxley of Hopkins, George DeWitt of Sioux City, Ia., and Joe McDonald of Quitman.

A Christmas Gift

For Autoists

Heaters, Foot Warmers, Radiator Covers, Flashlights, Headlights and Horns

If you have an autoing friend you cannot please him better than by giving him something for his car that will help make winter touring a pleasure.

Come in and let us show you

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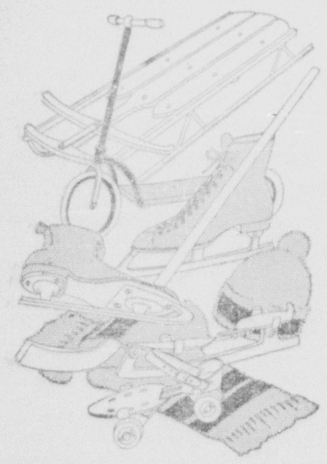
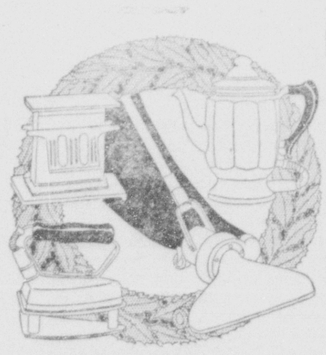
Christmas Suggestions from Bower's



Flexible Coasters run faster, guide easier, and are built stronger than any other and the price reasonable ..... $1.25 to $4.00
Ice Skates from ..... 75c to $1.75
Bicycles, coaster brake and guaranteed, equipment at $20.00
Velocipedes for the small boy ..... $1.75 to $3.75
Air Rifles from ..... 75c to $3.50
Hunting Coats ..... $2.25 to $7.50
A full line of Diamond Edge, guaranteed carvers, 75c a pair to $7.50 a set.
Pocket Knives ..... 15c to $2.50
Shears and Scissors ..... 25c to $1.25 a pair
Safety Razors from ..... 30c to $5.00
Razor Strops from ..... 25c to $1.25
Universal Thermos Bottles ..... $1.25 to $3.50



Electric Irons ..... $2.75 to $3.50
Electric Toasters from ..... $4.00 to $5.50
Electric Cooker at $5.00
Electric Percolator $7.50
Gurnsey Inset and Nickel Serving Tray and Casseroles ..... 75c to $7.50
Nickel Plated Baking Dish ..... $1.75 to $5.00
Cut Glass Bowls, Nappies, Bon-Bon Dishes, Fern Dishes and Celery Chafing Dishes ..... $4.50 to $9.50

Dishes and other practical choice pieces at prices that will please you.
Flash Lights from ..... 75c to $2.00
Community Silver table service in the Georgian pattern, 50 years' guarantee, Rose pattern, 25 years' guarantee.

These are a few of the many practical and useful articles we have in our stock that make Christmas presents you will be pleased to send your friends. Call and inspect our line before you buy.

Only Three More Days for Christmas Shoppers

H. C. BOWER, West Side Hardware